



U.S. Immigration  
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# News Release

## **Aggravated felon sentenced to 48 months in prison for re-entry after deportation**

**WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.-** R. Alexander Acosta, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, and Jesus Torres, Special Agent-in-Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), announced today that Humberto De La Sota Rivera, a 37-year-old Mexican national, was sentenced on June 23, 2006 to a term of 48 months in prison for re-entering the United States after being deported following an ICE investigation.

De La Sota-Rivera was arrested by ICE agents on Dec. 23, 2005 and subsequently pled guilty on March 31, 2006 to charges of illegally re-entering the country after having been lawfully deported. He has been deported to Mexico twice before. He was deported as an aggravated felon, with prior convictions in California for burglary and narcotics-related offenses. He also has a prior arrest for committing a lewd and lascivious act on child under the age of (14) fourteen.

United States Attorney Acosta stated, "We will continue to vigorously enforce our country's immigration laws to help secure our borders. This lengthy prison term should deter others who would seek to enter our country illegally."

"Those who think that they can illegally re-enter the country without facing criminal charges need to think twice," said Jesus Torres, special agent-in-charge of ICE in Miami. "We are committed to working with our partners at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida to ensure that those who break our laws are held accountable for their actions."

De La Sota-Rivera will be deported to Mexico upon the completion of his sentence.

This enforcement action was part of the Secure Border Initiative (SBI), a comprehensive multi-year plan launched by the Department of Homeland Security to secure America's borders and reduce illegal migration. Under SBI, Homeland Security seeks to gain operational control of both the northern and southern borders, while re-engineering the detention and removal system to ensure that illegal aliens are removed from the country quickly and efficiently. SBI also involves strong interior enforcement efforts, including enhanced worksite enforcement investigations and intensified efforts to track down and remove illegal aliens inside this country.

Mr. Acosta commended in particular the investigative efforts of ICE. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Adrienne Rabinowitz.

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